

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

No, I should not be forced to have a medical exam before buying a hearing aid. Or a hearing test.
Yes, the FDA should pay because people on Social Security can't afford it.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

There is an added expense of driving anywhere and lots of older people needing hearing aids can't afford an added expense.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment? No.

I'm a free person and capable of making my own decisions.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Yes, I am my own boss and it is my money which I would use to purchase any hearing aid anywhere I please.

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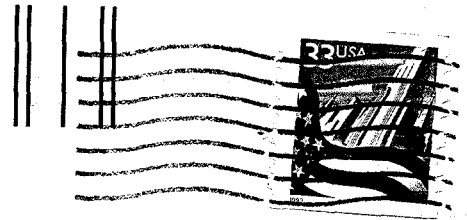
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